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**Title**

Self-erecting structure for rod-shaped member and method of producing rod-shaped member having self-erecting structure

**Preliminary Class**

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